


**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, an Abstract has been provided and the claims have been amended to improve their form. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

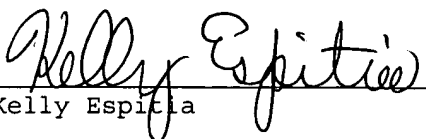
Respectfully submitted,  
Rainer SCHARP

COLLARD & ROE, P.C.  
1077 Northern Boulevard  
Roslyn, New York 11576  
(516) 365-9802  
ECR:lgh

  
Allison C. Collard, Reg.No. 22,532  
Edward R. Freedman, Reg.No. 26,048  
Attorneys for Applicants

Express Mail No. EV 857 472 786 US  
Date of Deposit March 1, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Kelly Espitia